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Gold, cash robberies on Inter-State Highways

Police intensify vigil along Kerala border

Chamarajanagar SP briefs check-post staff on surveillance methods

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (MTY&BCT)- With a spate of robberies reported along National Highways linking Karnataka and Kerala, the Chamarajanagar District Police have intensified checks to curb criminal activities.

An outpost has been set up at Kannegala near Kerala highway check-post under the jurisdiction of the Gundlupet Police Station and additional Police personnel have been deployed. Every vehicle entering or exiting the taluk is now under close surveillance.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) M. Muthuraju has been personally visiting check-posts located deep inside forest ranges to supervise operations. He has been briefing both the Police and the Forest Department staff to maintain heightened vigilance.

Chamarajanagar SP M. Muthuraju supervising vehicle checking at Karnataka-Kerala border near Gundlupet last night.

Target gold traders

Gold traders travelling via Mysuru and Gundlupet towards Kerala have emerged as the primary targets of these robberies. Two months ago, a gang looted nearly a quarter kilogram of gold before fleeing. Police later arrested three of the accused, while efforts are on to trace the prime suspect.

Even before that case faded from public memory, another robbery involving gold traders was reported. Kerala-based businessmen Faisal and Jamsid had travelled to Mysuru to sell gold and were returning with Rs. 10 lakh in cash when they were attacked.

Near Gundlupet-Kerala border forest area, where mobile network connectivity is poor, a gang of four to five men intercepted their Innova car, threatened them with deadly weapons and robbed cash before escaping.

(See POLICE on page 6)

Still NO e-Khata!

- Two months on, Urban Local Bodies still unable to issue e-Khata
- Property transactions crippled; BJP sets one-week deadline for rectification

Former Mayor and BJP leader Shivakumar addressing a press meet in city yesterday as (from left) former Corporators M.U. Subbaiah, Rangaswamy and B.V. Manjunath look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (MK,DM& BCT)- Technical glitches and repeated server failures in the revamped e-Swathu 2.0 digital platform remain unresolved even two months after its launch, stalling the issuance of e-Khata documents — both A-Khata and B-Khata — across Mysuru district since its rollout on Dec. 1, 2025.

Persistent server issues have delayed the issuance of property records and caused significant hardship to the public.

e-Khata certificates, which earlier took a day or two to be issued, are now taking more than two months, forcing citizens to make repeated visits to civic offices.

(See e-KHATA on page 6)

'Real estate sector has come to a standstill'

"For property purchase or sale, the owner should have a Government issued account and it is the Government's responsibility to consolidate all such accounts into an e-Khata.

But instead, applications are being called for and people are made to wait for two to three months.

Even without issuing e-Khata, taxes are being collected, yet registrations are not being done. This is causing serious problems for buyers and sellers.

Moreover, without e-Khata, it is not possible to obtain education loans or emergency loans against property. Overall, for the past two-and-a-half months, the real estate industry has come to a standstill."

— M.S. Harish Shenoy, President, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysuru

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 4th February 2026

Mysore Sizzlers emerge Basketball Champs

Mysore Sizzlers, representing Karnataka, emerged as the champions in the 8th Master Games Basketball Tournament held at Pune in Maharashtra recently. The team defeated Maharashtra 45-38 in the final in the men's 55+ category. Seen in the picture are Santhosh, Shivanna, Guruswamy, Ramesh (Captain), Madhu, Mahesh Shinde, Balakrishna, Ramakanth and Murali.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GOD NEVER FORGETS DEVOTEES: ***Like a mouse falling into a trap, tempted by a piece of coconut, humans fall prey to worldly pleasures, losing sight of the path to God. Elders recommend that one walks in the path of the four*** *(Naalvar),* ***the Fathers of the Saivite faith, who showed the efficacy of*** *dasya bhakti* ***(service to the Lord), said Damodhara Deekshithar.***

Everyone has a wish list that they place before God, but they also forget Him. However, God never forsakes His devotees, as exemplified by His protection of Sundaramoorthy Swamigal. As Alalasundaranar, the latter had been a servitor of Siva but was sent from heaven to earth by Siva in order to rid himself of the worldly attachments. When Alalasundaranar wondered what would happen if he forgot Him, Siva promised He would intervene and enslave him. Accordingly, Alalasundaranar was reborn on earth in Navaloor. Soon it was time for him to get married. At the marriage hall, an old servitor of Siva arrived, saying he had come to claim him as his slave. Arooran sought proof of his enslavement and the old man produced a palm leaf document. Arooran called him a madman. During the angry exchange, the script was damaged. The servitor suggested they all journey to Tiruvennanalloor, where the original script was kept. The original did state that Arooran of Navaloor and his descendants would perform hereditary service to the great sage of Vennainalloor. The old servitor led them to Tiruvaratthurai, the temple in the town and vanished. When Nambiarooran called out, Siva appeared in the sky and said, *"Thadutthu attkollavandhom"* ***(We came to take you to our bosom). Deeply moved, Arooran sang the famous verse,*** *"Piththaa, Pirai soodi." — In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Kenya's homeless bird guardian

Nairobi: A homeless young man who spends his days on the streets of Kenya's capital, looking after injured birds, has become known as Nairobi Birdman.

Rogers Olu Maguta is not your typical 27-year-old. He walks around Nairobi with birds on his head and shoulders and spends most of his time caring for them until they are ready to return to the wild. Some get so attached that they don't want to leave his side anymore, but he doesn't mind; whatever meagre meals he can get his hands on, Rogers is more than happy to share with his feathered friends.

His appearance also made him the target of law enforcement, who suspected him of being a leader of the protesters and beat him severely with batons. But the attention also had positive effects, as photos of him and his birds spread like wildfire on social media, and he became somewhat of an icon.

Child gets lock stuck in his nose

Beijing: A mischievous boy recently got his 15 minutes of fame after photos of him with a combination lockpad stuck in his nose went viral.

It's not exactly clear how the young boy managed to get a small combination padlock stuck in his nose, but everyone suspects that he was playing with it, probably trying to cosplay as the Bull Demon King.

After several attempts to remove the lockpad, the boy asked his parents for help, but they couldn't dislodge it without causing the boy severe pain and possible injuries. Later, the local fire department was called but even for them, the case presented quite a challenge. Finally, the lock was cut and removed. Surprisingly, the boy remained calm throughout the entire operation and vowed never to put things in his nose again.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Many liver diseases progress silently — abnormal liver tests are often the first warning sign.

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A K - Senior Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Students win medals in yoga competition

Students of Government Lower Primary School, Ramenahalli, Mysuru, won several medals in the District-level Yoga Competition jointly organised by Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institution, Mysuru and Mysuru District Yoga and Sports Foundation (MDYSF) on the occasion of Rathasapthami in city recently. Among the students who won medals, Ankitha (Gold), Deeksha (Silver) and Ritesh (Bronze) have been selected to represent the District at the State-evel Yoga Competition to be held in Gokak. The medal-winning students are seen with school teachers R. Bhagya and Sujyothi, AYUSH Department Yoga teacher Chaitra and International Yoga Instructor Suresh Puttalingappa.

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REALLY...?

- *Monkey Face Orchids (Dracula simia): A rare orchid whose petals resemble a monkey's face, sometimes smelling like ripe oranges.*
- *White baneberry is known as doll's eye. The black stigmas in the white berries make it look like a cluster of eyeballs on stalks.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Dino, why are you late for class today?*
Dino: *My father was writing a letter sir.*
Teacher: *For that, why are you late?*
Dino: *When he writes, I have to shake the chair. Only then he can write sir.*
Teacher: *What sickness is that?*
Dino: *My father is the conductor of a bus!!*

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NEWS BRIEFS

'PSYQUEST 2026' Natl. Workshop

The Department of Psychology, Christ College, Mysuru, has organised 'PSYQUEST 2026,' a One-Day National-level Workshop on 'Unmasking the Shades of Sexual Problems' at its premises in Srirampura, H.D. Kote Road, at 9.30 am tomorrow (Feb. 5). Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chief Coordinator, Psychosexual Health Programme, Professor and Formerly Head, Department of Psychiatry, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, will be the Resource Person.

Skill Training

The Rural Development and Self Employment Training Institute (RUDSETI), Mysuru, will be conducting Skill Training Programme in Installation & Servicing of CCTV Camera, Security Alarm & Smoke Detector at its premises in Hinkal from Feb. 11 to 24. The training is free of cost including boarding and lodging. Candidates aged between 18 and 50 years, who can read and write in Kannada, are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to rural BPL candidates. Interested candidates must apply with mobile number, photocopies of Aadhaar card and Ration card. Candidates will be selected based on direct interview. For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 97404-30061 or 94498-60466 or 63610-19245 or 98801-96581.

Free cancer detection clinic

Preethi Centre for Oncology, M.G. Road in Lakshmipuram, has organised a free cancer detection clinic at its premises on Feb. 5. The clinic will be open from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Appointed as Directors

K. Manjunath *B.M.K. Gowda*

K. Manjunath, a member of The Mysore City Co-operative Housing Society Limited, has been appointed as Director and another member B.M. Kemparangegowda (B.M.K. Gowda) as the Professional Director, for the remaining tenure of the current term of Board of Directors of the Society. For details, contact Ph:0821-2448947, according to a press release.

'Ganja sold across lanes in CM and District Minister's hometown'

L. Rangaiah

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (GA&BCT)- Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Mysuru District President L. Rangaiah has alleged that banned substances are freely available in the market due to the cooperation of both the Legislature and the Executive.

He charged that world-famous Mysuru, once celebrated for its heritage, is now gaining notoriety for drug production.

Rangaiah pointed out that under the leadership of 'socialist' CM Siddaramaiah, who dreams of economic equality for all, and under the supervision of District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who claims to be committed to children's welfare, prohibited substances such as ganja and drugs are being sold openly in the lanes and bylanes of Mysuru.

Citizens, he said, are beginning to suspect whether such widespread availability could occur without the cooperation of those in power.

He argued that if crops and substances banned by the government are still found in the market, it is only possible with the support of the Government's main organs — the Legislature and the Executive.

According to him, there is no doubt about this, because those involved have no fear of the law. "Anyone who truly fears the law would never engage in such activities, even if starving," he remarked.

Rangaiah stressed that today's youth are tomorrow's citizens and that their protection is the responsibility of the Government. "We do not have the means to stop them ourselves. People must safeguard their own health," he told the public.

He sarcastically suggested that, instead of pretending to ban ganja, the Government should arrange for its sale openly in the free market. "Just as alcohol and tobacco bring in heavy taxes, this too could be taxed to fill the Government's coffers," he quipped.

Ganja peddlers sentenced to three years rigorous imprisonment

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (KS)- City's 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to three years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 30,000 after he was found guilty of illegally transporting ganja plants in a car.

The accused, who was convicted, is 38-year-old Syed Babeer, a resident of Ajju Nagar 2nd Stage at Belavatta in Kesare.

On Aug. 6, 2023, NR Police had arrested a person who was packing ganja plants near a college and had seized the ganja plants weighing 3 kgs and 230 grams from him besides seizing a car (KA-04-C-5774) used for the crime.

The then NR Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, who conducted an investigation, had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty of the crime and sentenced him to jail besides imposing a fine. Failing to pay the fine, the accused has to undergo an additional six months rigorous imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor N.B. Vijayalakshmi argued on behalf of the Government.

Attempt to sell ganja: Two held

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (PM&KS)- Mandi Mohalla Police have arrested two persons on charges of attempting to sell ganja and have seized 385 grams ganja worth Rs. 19,000 from them.

Those arrested are 20-year-old Mohammed Zaid and 22-year-old Mohammed Rafiq, both residents of Shanthinagar in city.

On Jan. 30 evening, Mandi Police arrested Mohammed Zaid, when he was attempting to sell ganja kept in a plastic cover at a vacant site next to the BEO's Office near Five Lights Circle and seized 164 grams ganja from him.

Based on the information provided by Mohammed Zaid, the Police arrested Mohammed Rafiq, who was sitting inside Gandhinagar Burial Grounds, coming under NR Police limits and seized 221 grams ganja from him.

During interrogation, accused Zaid is said to have confessed of buying ganja from a Bengaluru-based stranger for Rs. 3,000.

A case has been registered a Mandi Mohalla Police Station.

Villagers in fear after spotting tiger near Jattihundi

Forest Department conducts combing operation

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (MTY&KS)- Fear has gripped the residents of Jattihundi village in the taluk after they spotted a tiger wandering near the village in broad daylight prompting the Forest Department to commence combing operation to trace and capture the tiger.

Following information from a villager that a tiger was spotted moving near Maratikyathanahalli, Jattihundi, Gohalli and Chikkire villages in the taluk, the Mysuru Division Forest officials and staff, along with Leopard Task Force (LTF) personnel, rushed to the spot and conducted combing operation for nearly two hours but could not trace the tiger nor found the pug marks.

But a CCTV camera installed in a nearby farm has captured the movement of the tiger following which the Forest Department staff continued the combing operation and have issued warning to the villagers to be careful and not to move alone.

The Forest Department have decided to use thermal drone and conduct combing operation during night.

It is suspected that the tiger which was spotted near Jattihundi could be the same tiger which was spotted along with cubs near Aloka in Yelwal about three months back.

Yesterday morning, there was a rumour about the tiger attacking a villager, but no clues were found about the tiger attack during the combing operation.

As the person who had called the Forest officers after spotting the tiger is also safe, it is clear that the tiger attack information was just a rumour.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) K. Paramesh, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Santosh Hugar and over 20 staff conducted combing operation.

Obituary

N. Prabhavathi

Mysuru, Feb. 4- N. Prabhavathi (81), wife of Auditor D. Nagaraju and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son Aditya Vikram Bagare and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

K.V. Ranganath

K.R. Pet: K.V. Ranganath (83), a Brahmin community leader and a resident of Agrahara Kere Beedi, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife Jnanambha, sons K.R. Harishkumar (Document Writer) and K.R. Ravi (retired employee of ICL Sugar Factory), daughter Shashirekha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Devirammanni Kerekodi in the town today.

Kamalamami

Melukote: Kamalamami (54), mother of journalist Sowmya Santhanam, passed away yesterday in the town.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Aghalaya village in K.R. Pet taluk this morning.

VOICE OF THE READER

Public health cannot be engineered away

How can MCC engineers replace doctors in public health?

Sir,

Karnataka's move to replace Medical Health Officers (MHOs) in Municipal Corporations with Environmental Engineers is being justified because engineers can handle sanitation, vector control and civic health issues ***(MCC Health Officer OUT, Executive Engineer IN*** — *SOM* dated Jan. 24). This reasoning is fundamentally flawed.

Engineers are undeniably skilled in designing sewage systems, managing waste and maintaining environmental infrastructure. But public health is not merely about pipes, drains or compliance reports — it is about people. Disease outbreaks require rapid identification of risk, epidemiological insight and timely medical intervention. While an engineer can improve drainage, only a doctor can assess which communities are vulnerable, prescribe preventive measures or respond to early signs of an epidemic.

Vector-borne diseases like dengue, cholera and leptospirosis cannot be solved solely through spraying chemicals or clearing drains. Effective control demands medical surveillance, hotspot identification and proactive intervention, which are beyond the training of engineers.

Similarly, inspections of food establishments, PGs or hospitals often involve recognising clinical risks invisible to a purely technical eye.

Recent experience in Mysuru during COVID-19 highlights the importance of MHOs. Their teams oversaw testing, isolation, biomedical waste management and vaccination campaigns — tasks that rely on medical judgement as much as technical efficiency.

Overloading engineers with these responsibilities risks delayed action, overburdened staff and compromised accountability.

A sensible approach is a hybrid model: engineers provide technical support for infrastructure and sanitation, while MHOs lead population-level disease prevention, outbreak management and public health decision-making.

Public health cannot be reduced to a technical exercise — it requires clinical expertise, judgement and trust. Replacing doctors with engineers is a policy that jeopardises both human lives and public confidence.

—M. Jameel Ahmed

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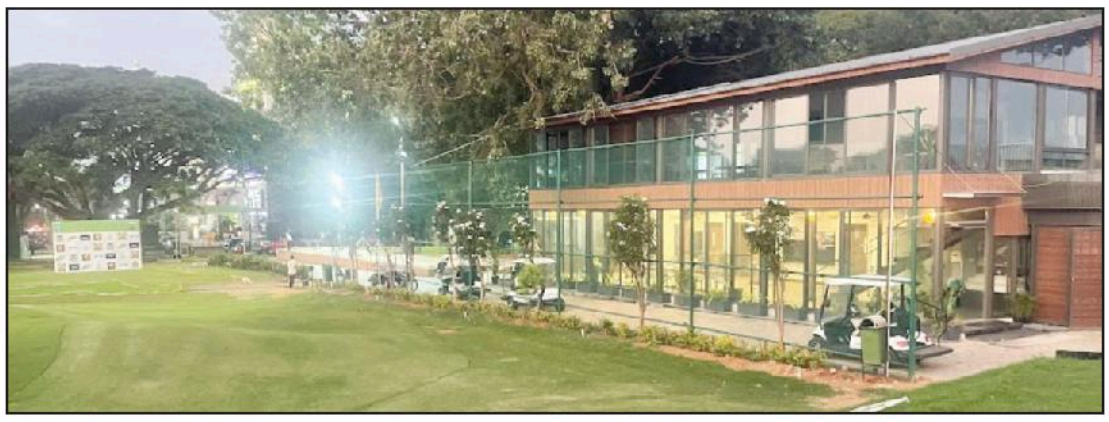
Receives Commendation Medal from NCC Director General

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Dr. S. Mamatha, Head, Department of Arts at De Paul College and an esteemed Alumnus of NCC, specifically an Alumnus of 3 Kar Girl Bn NCC, Mysuru, was honoured with the DG Commendation Medal as an NCC Alumnus during the NCC Republic Day Rally in Delhi.

Notably, the Director General (DG) NCC specially invites alumni members across the country for this prestigious event. This recognition highlights her outstanding contributions and dedication to NCC.

Unauthorised construction at Golf Club

MCC issues notice to demolish structure



Mysuru, Feb. 4 (BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has directed that a building constructed in violation of regulations at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC), which functions under the Mysore Race Club (MRC), be demolished without delay.

In this connection, MCC Zone-1 Commissioner has issued a notice on Jan. 31 to the Golf Club's Honorary Secretary, K.S. Sudhir Bhat, instructing that the building be removed immediately upon receipt of the notice and a compliance report submitted to the office. The notice warned that if the Club failed to act, MCC itself would demolish the structure, recover the expenses from the building's owners and initiate legal proceedings in accordance with the law.

Details of the notice

The property in question is located on Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysuru, under survey numbers 1290 N-267/1 and N-14, within the jurisdiction of the Mysore Race Club. MCC officials observed that renovation and new construction had been carried out without obtaining building plan approval or a construction licence. The old building had been renovated and new portions added illegally.

Earlier, MCC had issued notices on Feb. 28, 2025 and May 22, 2025, to the administrators of the Mysore Race Club regarding these unauthorised works. The Club challenged these notices in the Karnataka High Court through Writ Petition WP/11585/2025. On Aug. 5, 2025, the High Court passed a final order stating:

"Respondent No. 1 shall issue fresh notices to the petitioner and respondent No. 3 with regard to any construction on schedule 'B' property, and only after affording an opportunity of hearing to both the petitioner as well as respondent No. 3, shall initiate action in accordance with law and not otherwise."

Club's response

In compliance with this Court order, MCC issued a fresh notice. The Golf Club replied in writing, stating that the construction had been reported to MCC, that they had sought *post-facto* approval and that another writ petition (WP/13454/2020) concerning the matter was still pending before the Court.

However, MCC pointed out that the Club had failed to produce ownership documents or construction-related approvals despite repeated instructions. The notice had specifically directed the Club to submit all ownership and construction records to the office, but none were provided.

MCC's warning

MCC has now insisted that the building be demolished immediately and a compliance report submitted. If not, the Corporation will itself carry out the demolition, recover the costs from the owners and initiate further legal action under Section 321 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976.

During the construction stage itself, the Mysore Race Club had lodged a complaint with MCC against the unauthorised building. At that time, MCC had directed MRC to halt the construction and remove the ongoing works, effectively washing its hands of the matter. Despite this, the building was completed.

Now, MCC has once again issued instructions to demolish the structure, but this time to the Golf Club's Honorary Secretary, without setting a clear deadline. The public said that the MCC's inconsistent and inadequate stance has allowed unauthorised constructions to continue unchecked in the city.

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5,000 students coached to improve SSLC marks

- **Vision-40: School Education and Literacy Department launches special classes for academically poor students**
- **36,093 students to write board exams from Mar. 18 - Apr. 2**

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (PM&BS) -The District School Education and Literacy Department, has launched 'Vision-40,' a special programme to improve Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exams results of the academic year 2025-26. Under this special programme, special classes are being taken for about 5,000 students, who are lagging behind in academics.

In Mysuru district alone, 36,093 students of class 10 from 705 schools including Government, aided and unaided educational institutions, will be appearing for forthcoming SSLC exams scheduled to start from March 18. Additionally, 2,647 repeaters will also be writing the exams.

Minimum passing marks reduced

The SSLC exams assume significance this year, as the State Government has reduced the minimum passing marks to 33. Of the total 100 marks, written exams will be conducted for 80 marks and the internals will be considered for remaining 20 marks. The circular has been issued to the school authorities to prepare the students in compliance with the guidelines. The teachers should interact with the students, who are academically poor and instil confidence in them, so that they can score at least 40 marks in all the papers to pass the exams.

Weak students identified

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Deputy Director of School Education and Literacy Department D. Udaykumar said, "Vision-40 special programme is conceived mainly to coach the students to score minimum of 40 marks. The weak students have been identified and have been enrolled for special classes. Such students are more in aided schools. Under this special programme, students are involved in group studies and open books type exams. The house of students shall be visited to monitor their learning activities and discuss with them to boost their confidence level."

Teacher-student ratio

The teachers have been allotted for 3 to 4 students each,

A file photo of students writing SSLC exam.

Classification of students & how...

Udaykumar

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (PM&BS)- After the first preparatory exams were conducted from Jan. 5 to 10, the students were classified under minimum marks and not complete (those who scored poor marks) totalling 5,000 students for the special class. While the second preparatory exams was held from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, with the results being announced today, according to **Deputy Director of School Education and Literacy Department D. Udaykumar.**

According to an estimate, about 70 percent of students showed improvement, 20 percent students have secured minimum marks and 10 percent students have fared badly. Hence, the entire focus will be centred around those 10 percent students, whose total numbers may be around 3,000, but the special classes will be conducted for all the 5,000 students.

A clear picture can be expected with the announcement of results of second preparatory exams, as the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board will be releasing district-wise results analysis report, that includes subject-wise, school-wise and taluk-wise, said Udaykumar.

Meanwhile, the third and final preparatory exams will be held from Feb. 23 to 28.

Still no e-Khata!

(Continued from page 1)

The e-Khata server, which stores comprehensive property ownership data, has been failing frequently, affecting users across the State. Till now, the State Government has not been able to find a permanent solution.

Rolled out in haste

Flagging prolonged delays and frequent interruptions in the issuance of e-Khata documents, former Mayor and BJP leader Shivakumar urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the State Government to install a stable and flawless software system for the e-Khata rollout.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in Devaraja Mohalla yesterday, Shivakumar said residents have been facing severe hardship as they have been unable to obtain e-Khata documents for their properties for the past two months.

Expressing disappointment that such disruptions have occurred twice in the last six months despite advances in digital governance, he criticised the State Government for rolling out e-Khata in haste without adequate preparation.

"The hasty rollout of e-Khata has resulted in chaos in the issuance process. This has severely affected property transactions, causing hardship to both buyers and sellers. In several cases, disputes have escalated into scuffles, forcing parties to approach Police Stations or courts," Shivakumar said.

Indore, Mumbai model

"The State Government should follow the model adopted by city corporations such as Indore, Mumbai and Ahmedabad, where efficient software enables applicants to obtain e-Khata documents without hassles or delays," he added.

Stating that the Government replaced the 'Kanaja' software with 'Kaveri,' Shivakumar contended that the newly introduced Kaveri platform also appears to be flawed, as it is facing frequent breakdowns.

"Without creating a proper database, the Government is forcing the public to upload documents on the Kanaja portal, which is riddled with glitches. This has pushed people back into the hands of middlemen," he alleged.

He further argued that the integration of the system with the Kaveri software at sub-registrar offices was done without basic groundwork, such as door-to-door surveys or drone mapping.

Unable to sell sites

"Poor people are unable to sell even a 20x30 site to meet medical emergencies or wedding expenses. Property deals are being cancelled, leading to Police complaints and litigation because sellers cannot produce the required documents," he said.

Charging the Government with failing to roll out e-Khata in a planned and systematic manner, Shivakumar said the lack of proper preparation has resulted in widespread inconvenience to the public.

Urging the Government to rectify all issues related to the e-Khata rollout within a week, he warned of agitation if the problems are not addressed.

Former Corporators M.U. Subbaiah and B.V. Manjunath, along with BJP leader Rangaswamy, were present at the press meet.

'Projects not moving forward'

The process of issuing e-Khata is not being carried out properly. Everywhere they say the server is down. For the past five to six months, projects have not been moving forward. They have linked one system to another. For registration, e-Khata is mandatory. After building a house, one must obtain an Occupancy Certificate (OC). Without OC, electricity connections are not given. Altogether, this has created huge problems."

— K.R. Prabhakar Rao, Chairman, Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre

'Glitches rectified; trial runs on'

The data migration process and the fixing of codes for all properties for e-Khata issuance have been completed at the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and trial runs are currently underway. The system will be fully operational without glitches within two days.

Under the new system, even the public can obtain logins and access e-Khata documents from their homes. We are working round-the-clock to ensure a smooth user experience. In fact, within MCC limits, nearly 60,000 properties have already been converted to e-Khatas and we are ahead of all other City Corporations in Karnataka."

— G.S. Somashekar, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Mysuru City Corporation

Police intensify vigil along Kerala border

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Though the incident occurred on Jan. 10, the victims lodged a complaint only on Jan. 27 at Gundlupet Police Station. Following this, the Police further strengthened vigilance along inter-State routes. Vehicles moving between Kerala and Karnataka are now being closely monitored to prevent gang activities.

Vehicle checks, details noted

SP Muthuraju has been visiting check-posts regularly and yesterday inspected the Kakkanaala Check-Post near Bandipur Tiger Reserve, close to Mudumalai border forest range. Each vehicle entering or exiting Karnataka is being thoroughly checked, with details of occupants recorded along with the time of entry or exit.

"Last week, I visited Moolehole Check-Post, an entry point to Wayanad, as well as the Male Mahadeshwara Hills Check-Post and briefed the staff on surveillance methods. These strict measures are being taken after noticing a trend of gold and cash robberies targeting Kerala-based businessmen," Muthuraju told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

"A new outpost has also been established at Kannegala near Gundlupet. Even if a few vehicles manage to pass through the initial check-posts, they will be intercepted there. These robberies tend to increase seasonally, especially ahead of the wedding season when the demand for gold and cash rises," he added.

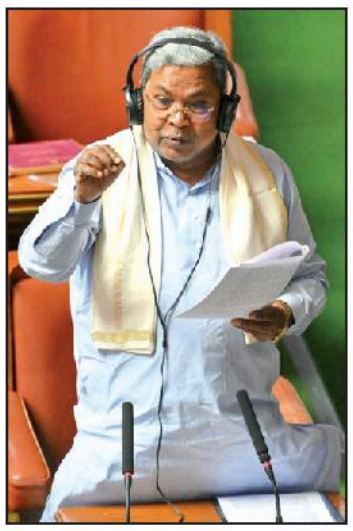
Police remain on high alert to ensure that inter-State gangs do not get an opportunity to strike again. Vigilance has also been intensified at the Dimbam Ghat Check-Post, the SP added.

Karnataka Assembly adopts resolution against VB-G Ram G

Bengaluru, Feb. 4 (UNI)- The Karnataka Legislative Assembly yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution, presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, urging the Central Government to immediately repeal the 'Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) — VB-G Ram G — Act and reinstate the 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)' in its original form.

The resolution described the repeal of MGNREGA, a flagship scheme providing assured employment and rural livelihood security, as a matter of serious concern. It said, the new VB-G Ram G Act, implemented unilaterally by the Centre, undermines the federal structure and deprives rural communities of their livelihood rights.

The House noted that under MGNREGA, the Central Government bore 100 percent of the wage cost for 100 man days of employment, ensuring financial security for rural poor families.



CM Siddaramaiah at Karnataka Legislative Assembly yesterday.

The new Act, however, requires State Governments to bear 40 percent of the cost, placing a heavy burden on State finances.

The Assembly observed that this violates Constitutional provisions and dilutes the powers and autonomy granted to Gram Panchayats under the 73rd Amendment.

The resolution also highlighted that MGNREGA had facilitated the creation of essential local assets such as roads, wells, school compounds, toilets, irrigation facilities and Panchayat buildings, while the new Act's linkage with the PM Gati Shakti Scheme channels resources toward Highways and major road projects, indirectly benefiting contractors and corporates.

The Assembly said that the new Act provides employment for only ten months instead of twelve, offers no guarantee of wage rates and limits the inclusion of Gram Panchayats, depriving vulnerable rural labourers, particularly women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalised communities, of their rights.

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly urged the Centre to restore MGNREGA in its original form to ensure rural employment, asset creation and self-reliance of the poor. It also decided to send the resolution to the Central Government and the President of India.

Plea to name a Circle after Pailwan Tiger Balaji

Mysuru, Feb. 4- BJP leader P.V. Giridhar, who is also a former Dasara Wrestling Sub-Committee President, has urged the MCC to name a Circle in the city in memory of Senior Wrestler Tiger Balaji, who passed away recently.

Tiger Balaji

In a press release, Giridhar said, the city has lost a prominent wrestler in the demise of Balaji, who was popularly known as Tiger Balaji for his wrestling skills.

Highlighting the contribution of Balaji for promotion of wrestling and other sports, he said that Balaji made Mysuru proud through his wrestling achievements. As such, MCC, taking note of Balaji's achievements and contributions, should name a Circle in the city after him, the release said.

Alleged Rs. 6,000 cr. Excise Dept. Scam

BJP-JD(S) stage overnight protest in Vidhana Soudha

Demand Minister Timmapur's resignation

Bengaluru, Feb. 4 (KMS&VNS)- Members of the Opposition parties — BJP and JD(S) — including Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, JD(S) MLA A. Manju among others, staged an overnight protest at Vidhana Soudha yesterday demanding immediate resignation of Excise Minister R.B. Timmapur over alleged irregularities in the Department.

R.B. Timmapur

Earlier, R. Ashok and other members brought up the matter under Rule 69 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Karnataka Legislative Assembly alleging that State exchequer had suffered huge losses as officials and others were involved Rs. 6,000 bribe scam.

The protesters alleged that a few of the Excise Deputy Commissioners and staff members had fallen to Lokayukta trap while accepting bribe.

While there is a role of the middlemen in alleged scam, a few of officials and staff members have also recorded their statements against the Minister submitting relevant documents, they said.

Pointing out that the Federation of Wine Merchants Associations, Karnataka, has lodged a complaint against the Department officials and the Minister, the protesters questioned the Government's stand to defend the Minister when the merchants, who contribute more than Rs. 40,000 crore revenue to the State exchequer, had themseleves made such allegations.

Later, the Opposition Legislators, demanding the resignation of the Excise Minister, assembled at the floor of the House and started chanting bhajans and slept on the floor in protest.

The protest continued this morning as the Opposition members entered the Well of the Assembly and shouted slogans demanding for the resignation of Excise Minister R.B. Timmapur.

Following this, Speaker U.T. Khader adjourned the Session till 12.30 pm. As soon as the Session resumed, the Opposition Legislators continued their protest at the Well of the Assembly.

Shab-e-Barath observed in city

Muslim brethren observed Shab-e-Barath (Night of Forgiveness) in city yesterday night and prayed for their welfare and for the departed souls of their near and dear ones. Special prayers were organised the whole night in which thousands offered Isha prayers at various Mosques across the city, including Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road and Masjid-e-Ya Allah, opposite Government Guest House, which were decorated. Special lectures were delivered by religious heads on the occasion. Later, Muslim brethren visited the burial grounds in the midnight and offered floral tributes to the departed souls. Picture left shows Muslim brethren offering special prayers in front of Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road. Picture right shows Police personnel taking out route march yesterday evening ahead of Shab-e-Barath.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TOMORROW'S MATCH (JAN. 5)
FINALS

RCB Vs DC
Venue : BCA Stadium, Vadodara
Time : 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
ELIMINATOR
GG 168/7 (20 overs)
LOST TO
DC 169/3 (15.4 overs)

Live action on: JioHotstar & Star Sports Network

'Give Rs. 500 crore for Madiwala Development Corpn.'

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (GA&DM)- The Mysuru District Madiwala Association has demanded allocation of Rs. 500 crore for the development of the community in the State Budget.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Association Hon. President B.G. Keshava said that Madiwala community has remained backward in all respects. But still, the successive Governments had failed in making serious attempts in bringing the community to the mainstream society.

Noting that disorganisation of the community is the main reason for this, Keshava urged the Siddaramaiah Government to allocate at least Rs. 500 crore for Madiwala Machideva Development Corporation in the forthcoming State Budget. He also demanded construction of Samudaya Bhavans for the community in all districts and taluks.

Association District President Satyanarayan, office-bearers Kumar Siddanakoppalu, Harshavardhan, Ravi Chilkunda, Ravi, Kempashetty, Dr. Chandru, K. Raghu, Sriram, K. Mahadevashetty and others were present at the press meet.

KSRTC workers to take out 'Bengaluru Chalo' on Feb. 19

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (SPN&DM)- Joint Action Committee of the State Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC & KKRTC — will take out a 'Bengaluru Chalo' rally on Feb. 19 seeking fulfilment of demands, which chiefly include payment of wage arrears and wage revision.

The State Transport workers and staff will hold the rally at Freedom Park in the heart of Bengaluru at 10 am on Feb. 19.

The Bengaluru Chalo was earlier scheduled to take place on Jan. 29. But it had to be called off as veteran Trade Union leader H.V. Ananthasubbarao passed away suddenly on Jan. 28 evening.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

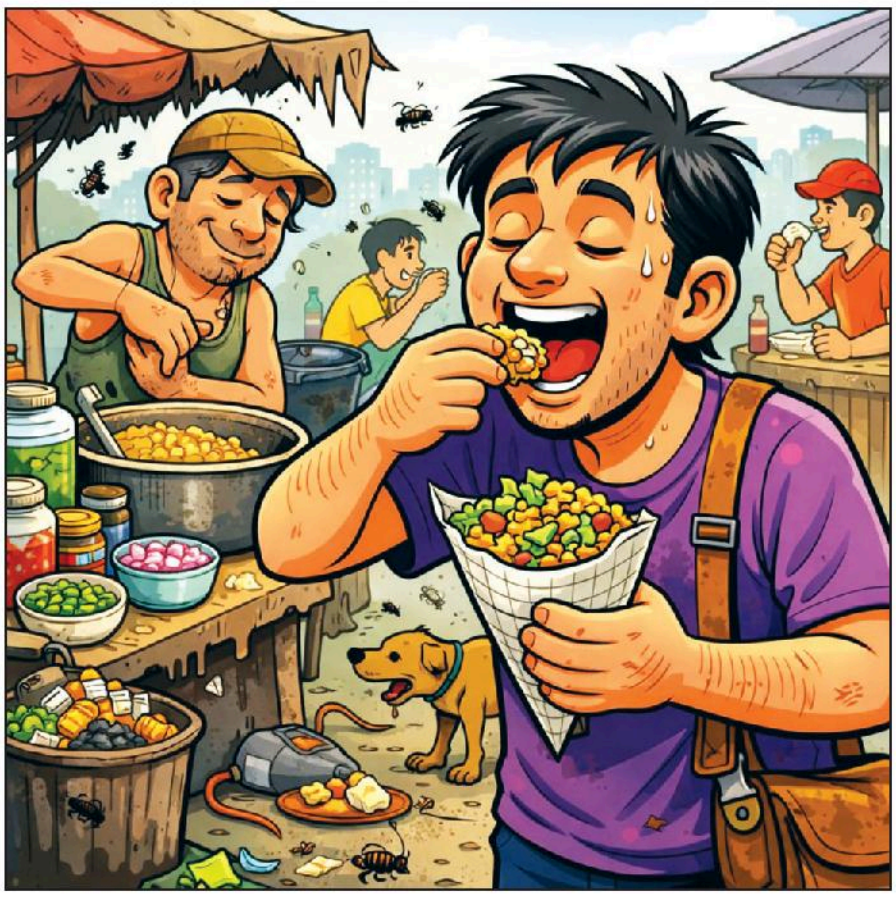
Curbside cuisine and other calculated risks

I first realised how little control I have over my better judgement while standing by the roadside with a plate of *churumuri* in my hand, watching traffic move past in uneven bursts as dust settled gently on everything except my attention. The vendor mixed puffed rice, onions, chilli and lemon with a speed that came from long practice rather than care and although I knew enough to pause and consider the setting, I also knew enough to continue. The first mouthful resolved the debate because familiar taste has a way of silencing all competing arguments without asking for permission.

That moment captures my relationship with street food, which is never accidental but chosen with awareness and accepted with consequences. Across India, this pattern repeats itself daily as people stop at roadside carts not because they lack alternatives but because something deeper is being satisfied. The food connects to memory, to student days, to travel and to evenings that required little planning, making what appears impulsive often deliberate.

From chaat stalls in Delhi to dosa carts in Mysuru, the logic remains consistent as people approach with caution that fades quickly once they watch the preparation, note the surroundings and still place an order. Reason remains present but temporarily suspended, creating space for taste to take over. Street food does not promise comfort or safety, but it offers familiarity, which in most cases is enough.

The environment reinforces this experience because these are not quiet spaces. Paper plates add colour, oil hisses, vendors call out orders and traffic provides a steady background noise that does not distract but reassures. For regulars, these sounds mark transitions in the day, signalling either closure or anticipation, making eating here part of life's rhythm rather than a break from it.



Vendors play a central role in this ecosystem, often speaking continuously while cooking, commenting on prices, politics, weather or yesterday's match, with customers responding or listening without obligation. Over time, recognition develops, orders are anticipated, preferences remembered and brief interactions accumulate into a sense of continuity in spaces where much else changes quickly.

Street food consumption follows a pattern most people recognise, beginning with restraint that lasts only until the food arrives and moving quickly into focused enjoyment as doubts retreat and rational explanations take their place. Heat is trusted, habit provides reassurance and when awareness returns through a noticed detail that was earlier ignored, it re-frames rather than interrupts the experience, which is accepted as a whole.

Concerns about hygiene are acknowledged but rarely decisive, as people operate more on belief than inspection, taking the absence of visible illness in others nearby as sufficient evidence. Risk is accepted without being foregrounded and attention stays firmly on the present moment while future discomfort is postponed until it demands attention.

When discomfort does arrive, it is met with humour rather than outrage, regret expressed briefly and resolutions made without much expectation of compliance. Memory preserves taste more clearly than consequence, ensuring repetition when the next familiar aroma restores confidence and the cycle continues with little variation.

Beyond individual behaviour, street food functions as a social space where people from different backgrounds stand together, wait their turn and exchange comments or recommendations, allowing distinctions to fade without declaration. This equality is not announced but practiced quietly through shared participation.

Street food also reflects the character of its location, with ingredients and methods changing while the structure remains stable through small set-ups, direct preparation and immediate consumption. These stalls adapt quickly to local tastes and economic conditions, responding to demand without ceremony.

What emerges is not only a story about food but about choice, showing how people balance caution and pleasure and how shared habits create connection without instruction. Standing by the roadside with my plate of *churumuri,* I am aware of all this and eat knowing exactly what I am doing, because the value lies not only in taste but in participation. There is meaning in choosing the ordinary, in accepting uncertainty and in sharing space without negotiation, which is why street food endures and reminds us that life does not always need refinement to feel complete.

So, the next time you are at a Bengaluru gobi manchurian cart or a Mumbai vada-paav stand, embrace it. Forget the noise, ignore the flies, trust your gut (literally) and dive in. Because some of life's best moments come wrapped in a paper plate and garnished with a little risk.

Just remember to bring hand sanitiser. And antacids. And anti-diarrheals. Just in case...

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Indian Newspaper Society condemns coercive actions against 'Punjab Kesari'

New Delhi, Feb. 4- On behalf of **The Indian Newspaper Society (INS),** Vivek Gupta, President - INS, has expressed deep concern and condemned the recent actions taken against *Punjab Kesari,* one of India's leading newspaper of Punjab region.

It is noted that a series of targeted regulatory and enforcement actions by authorities in the State of Punjab, including raids and inspections of its printing presses and associated businesses, were conducted under various pretexts, which the publication describes as part of a coercive campaign aimed at intimidating the media for carrying content critical of the government.

According to the reports, electricity supply was disconnected to certain associated establishments. The Society condemns such economically coercive steps that disrupt the day-to-day operations of the establishment.

The Society welcomes the much-needed interim relief, provided by the Supreme Court of India which has directed that the *Punjab Kesari* printing operations shall continue to function uninterruptedly.

However, the Society notes with a serious concern that the need for such judicial intervention itself reflects an environment where media freedom is perceived to be under pressure.

The INS stands firmly for the freedom of speech and expression as enshrined under the Constitution of India, which includes the vital role of the press as a watchdog of democracy.

It is also pertinent to mention here that any attempt, direct or indirect, to stifle independent journalistic voices poses a threat to the democratic values of this esteemed nation, stated a press release issued by Mary Paul, Secretary General.

Maha Anubandha-2026 at Mahajana College

N. Ramanuja, Mahajana Alumnus and retired MD of HMT, Bengaluru seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Maha Anubandha-2026' in city recently in the presence of distinguished guests, alumni and Mahajana Education Society members. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Mahajana Education Society (MES) had organised a grand reunion of its alumni titled 'Maha Anubandha-2026' at the Jagadish Prasad Stadium, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru recently.

The event witnessed the participation of distinguished alumni, academicians, administrators, artists and over 2,000 former students, celebrating the institution's rich legacy of 88 years.

Padma Shri awardee Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Senior Student and Immediate Past Director of IISER Pune and Tirupati, SERB National Science Chair and former Director, New Chemistry Unit, JNCASR, Bengaluru, inaugurated the event.

Recalling his student days (1965-67), Prof. Ganesh expressed gratitude to MES, stating that the institution shaped his life by instilling values of faith, truth, discipline and scientific curiosity.

He fondly remembered his teacher, Anantrao, who encouraged him during academic struggles, especially in mathematics and English. "Though I was weak in science, today over 50 students have earned Ph.Ds under my guidance. The foundation for this journey was laid at MES," he said, adding that the institution equips students to face future challenges with confidence.

N. Ramanuja, Senior Student and Immediate Past President and Managing Director, HMT (Ltd.), Bengaluru, appreciated the visionary role of MES since the pre-independence era. He recalled the institution's commitment to education for the underprivileged, Kannada language promotion and initiatives like the student newspaper *Abhyudaya*, which nurtured writing skills.

Chief guest K. Harishgowda, MLA, Chamaraja Assembly Constituency, expressed pride in MES' contribution to educating economically weaker sections.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, highlighted the importance of alumni as the backbone of educational institutions.

Renowned cancer specialist Dr. Ashwath Narayana, a senior student, shared his journey from Mysuru to international recognition, having performed over 25,000 cancer surgeries.

Mallikarjun Baladandi, Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru, emphasised the importance of remembering one's roots and urged alumni to continue supporting their alma mater.

Senior student and renowned playback singer Ananya Bhat spoke about the institution's multicultural environment and credited MES for nurturing her talent. She captivated the audience with the song *'Sojugada Suju Mallige...'*

Karthik Mahesh, Senior Student, *Bigg Boss* Season-10 Winner and Film Actor, fondly recalled his college days (2011-2014), stating that MES taught him simplicity and life values, which contributed to his success.

Shreya Babu, senior student, entrepreneur, presenter and dubbing artiste; Manohar Gowda, senior student and comedian; Amma Ramachandra, renowned folk artiste also spoke at the programme presided by T. Muralidhar Bhagwat, President, MES.

Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, welcomed. B.S. Ravikumar, Vice-President, MES, proposed a vote of thanks.

Retired Principals, senior faculty members and teachers, who rendered distinguished service, were felicitated.

Students of Niharika Hegde and Ashobhya Bhat rendered the invocation. D. Geetha and N. Sunil, Assistant Professors, Mahajana First Grade College, compered. The celebrations concluded with a vibrant cultural event followed by a DJ session.

Bharatanatyam Rangavidhipraveshika enthrals audience

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Nruthyathi Kalaashale, Mysuru, presented the Bharatanatyam Rangavidhipraveshika of Harshini Iyer (daughter of D. Shankar Iyer & late B. Sujatha), disciple of Guru Anusha Varun, on Jan. 25 at Jaganmohana Palace in Mysuru.

The programme was witnessed by rasikas, artistes, scholars and well-wishers, who enjoyed the aesthetically rich performance.

The evening was graced by eminent personalities from the field of art and culture, including *Karnataka Kalathilaka* Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, *Gayana Gandharva* Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, *Natyacharya* Vid. R. Kannan and Guru K. Sandesh Bhargav — renowned Bharatanatyam artistes and gurus.

Dr. Tulsi Ramachandra, renowned dance guru, representatives of Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru and Prof. G. Hemanth Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore and Vice-President of Maharaja Education Trust, Karnataka were also present.

Guru Anusha Varun, Founder of Nruthyathi Kalaashale, Mysuru, guided the student with dedication, upholding the values of the Guru-Shishya Parampara.

The dance presentation commenced with Melaprapti (Ragamalyaka - Adithala), setting an auspicious tone for the evening. This was followed by Sri Subrahmanya kawthvam (Shanmukhapriya - Khandachaputhala) and Durga Devi Kriti (Navarasa Kannada - Adithala), wherein Harshini demonstrated commendable rhythmic clarity and abhinaya.

A special highlight was the Kannada Padavarna 'Sri Krishna Kathashravana' (Hindola - Aditala) composed by Dr. Nagamani Srinath, which was received with warm appreciation from the audience. The recital also featured Bho Shambho (Revathi - Aditala), Ashtapadi (Chandrakauns - Aditala) and concluded with an energetic Tillana (Jog - Khanda Jathi Triputa Tala).

The performance was supported by an accomplished team of artistes — Guru Anusha Varun on nattuvanga, Vidu. Kanchana S. Sriranjani on vocals, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga, Vid. Prashanth Rudrapattana on veena, Vid. N.R. Krishna Bhat on flute and Vid. H.L. Anantha Krishnaswamy on rhythm pad.

Harshini Iyer's Rangavidhipraveshika was a celebration not only of her artistic growth but also of her resilience and deep devotion to Bharatanatyam.

WORD OF THE DAY

Reciprocate

Pronunciation: rih-SIP-ruh-kayt (verb).
Meaning: To reciprocate is to do something for or to someone who has done something similar for or to you. Reciprocate can also mean "to have (a feeling) for someone who has the same feeling for you."
Origin: "Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," "do unto others as you would have them do to you," "share and share alike": such is the essence of the verb reciprocate, which implies a mutual or equivalent exchange or a paying back of what one has received. Reciprocate traces back to the Latin verb reciprocare ("to move back and forth"), which in turn comes from the adjective reciprocus, meaning "returning the same way" or "alternating." Indeed, one of the meanings of reciprocate is "to move forward and backward alternately," as in "a reciprocating saw." Most often, however, reciprocate is used for the action of returning something in kind or degree, whether that be a gift, favor, or feeling.
Example: "She entered the post office and greeted Tommaso, who reciprocated with a smile, then Carmine, who stroked his beard and shot her the usual skeptical glance." —Francesca Giannone, The Letter Carrier (translated by Elettra Pauletto), 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Rannygazoo

Foolish nonsense.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Red-Letter Day

Meaning: The phrase 'Red-Letter Day' can be used to signify a special or memorable day, a day of importance, such as a holiday, birthday, anniversary, etc.
Origin: The first recorded use of the phrase was in 'The book of Eneydos' printed in 1490: "We write in our calendars the high festies with red letters of color." However, the phrase goes back to the late 1300s when important and religious days were marked in red ink in calendars made in monasteries and convents. The red ink enabled them to notice the days, so that they could start preparing for them.
Example: Jacob - "I finished my last exam yesterday. From now on you can call me a college graduate." Josh - "Well, yesterday was truly a red-letter day for you."

QUOTE BOX

Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions. **—Dalai Lama XIV**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TERNO

Answer: Middle of the afternoon.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	2	4	3	7	1	9	6
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6	9	4	2	7	5	3	1	8
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5	2	8	3	1	6	7	4	9
1	8	9	5	2	3	6	7	4
2	6	3	7	9	4	8	5	1
7	4	5	8	6	1	9	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Taxi
4 Chow mein enhancer
7 Norwegian composer - "e.g. rig" anagram?
9 Not appropriate, unseemly
12 Vaccaro or Jagger
13 Neon ___ : pretty aquarium fish?
14 The ____ of the Native : Thomas Hardy novel?
15 Take to another place
17 Great respect
18 Rummier
20 Final or all-inclusive
21 Bollywood's ___ Ali Khan
22 "To be" in Toulouse?
23 End or conclusion
27 White metal
28 In brief, sergeants and corporals
29 Altitude, abbr.
30 Honour a debt ? (3,2)
32 Sellout sign: abbr.
35 Gripping tool
37 Title of respect for a man
39 To __ __ human and forgive divine? (3,2)
40 Resounded
41 Supporting actress ___ Lagoo
42 River nymph
43 __ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
44 Vinyl

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	P	A		V	E	T	S		T	D	P
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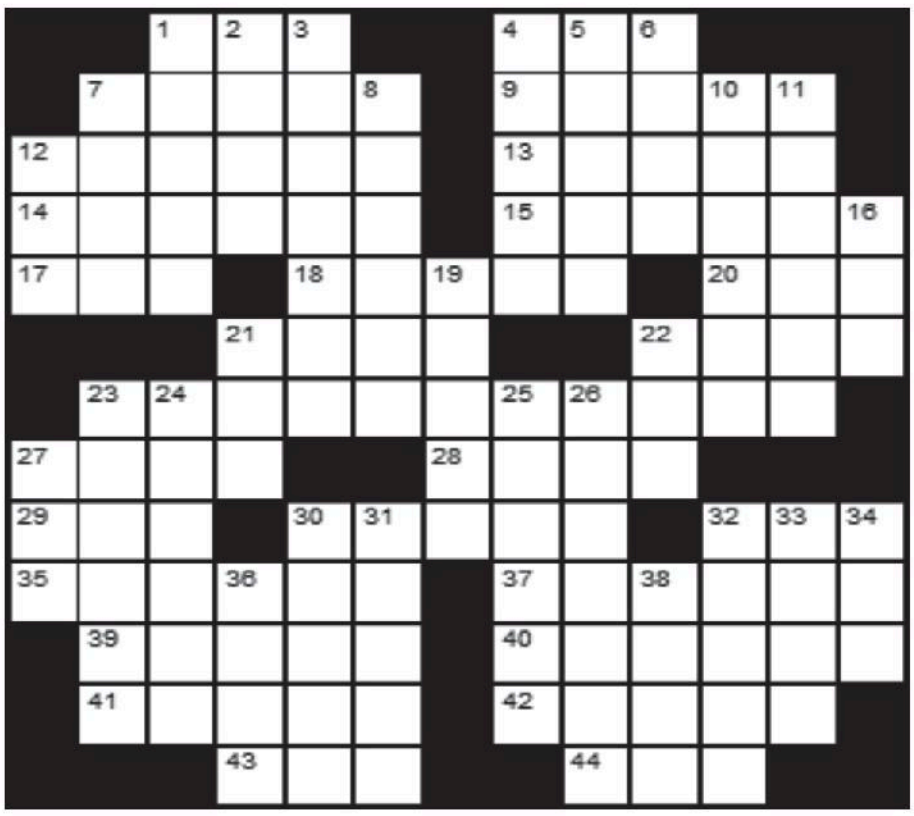
DOWN

1 Mediterranean island?
2 A people of Japan
3 Somewhere to sleep
4 Priest's headdress
5 Taunt
6 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
7 Developed
8 "Father of the Nation"
10 Right now!
11 An inn
12 Undergarment
16 Estimated Time En route
19 Bollywood's Denzongpa
21 Sys. and Research Centre
22 Electronic Instrument Sys.
23 Rudder lever
24 Complete; whole
25 Mental keenness
26 Up-to-date
27 Vaporize
30 ___ facie : at first sight of evidence?
31 Indian state famous for its tea gardens
32 Porticoes
33 Waterside plant
34 Fort near Monterey
36 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
38 You might go to sea in one



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NMHFH'L USNMWUZ NS VWUUWUZ, FHXEEO. NMXN WL,

WY OSI MXQQHU NS TH TEHLLHB VWNM X PHHU HOH,

XU XZWEH RWUB, XUB US LKFIQEHL VMXNLSHGHF.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We enjoy thoroughly only the pleasure that we give.

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Valavaara (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Mavuta (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Gandhi Talks (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Seat Edge (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru Part 2 (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chowkidar (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Valathu Vashathe Kallan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	12.30 pm, 3.35 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 10.30 pm

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Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Cult (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm 7.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.50 pm 6.05 pm 10.30 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	9.10 am, 6.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.05 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	10.45 am, 3.35 pm, 10 pm
Shelter (E)	:	11.25 am, 7.45 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 10.25 pm
Mayasabha - The Hall of Illusion (H)	:	1.15 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	1.50 pm
Valavaara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
Gandhi Talks (Silent)	:	5 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	10.10 pm
Chatha Pacha: The ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Border 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm 3.50 pm 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.45 am, 3.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Send Help (E-2D)	:	9.50 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	7.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.45, 7.45 pm 10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 4)

- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** Decennial Celebrations, folk songs by Samagama Samskrutika Vedike; Bharatanatyam by Raksha M. Hiremath; Staging of play 'Lights off!' by Aneka, Bengaluru, directed by Suresh Anagalli, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** 39th year's Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, vocal concert by Abhiram Bode, accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre (SNPAC):** 'Manjira Mahotsava-2026,' Bharatanatyam by Svarita Ensemble (Nikhitha Manjunath, VKS Madhumitha and Viyaneeta Ramesh), disciples of Dr. Sathyanarayana Raju, Bengaluru, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. K.N. Navyashree, disciple of P. Praveen Kumar, Bengaluru, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Death of a Salesman' in Kannada by students studying Diploma in Theatre (2025-26), originally written in English by Arthur Miller, translated to Kannada by K.S. Poornima and K.P. Vasudevan, costumes and make-up by Disha Ramesh, stage design by Megha Sameer, music and direction by Amith Reddy, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 5)

- **Department of Psychology, Christ College, Mysuru:** PSYQUEST 2026, a One-Day National-level Workshop on 'Unmasking the Shades of Sexual Problems,' Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chief Coordinator, Psychosexual Health Programme, Professor and Formerly Head Department of Psychiatry, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), will be the Resource Person, Christ College, Srirampura, H.D. Kote Road, **9.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2026, a grand display and sale of exquisite silk, cotton and handloom sarees, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, folk songs by Namma Raga troupe; Staging of play 'Iddaga Nimdu Kaddaga Namdu' by Rangaratha, Bengaluru, directed by Aasif Kshathriya and Shwetha Srinivas, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** 39th Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series, vocal concert by Niranjan Dindodi, accompanied by Krithik Koushik on violin, Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Dheemanth Bhat on ghata, Jayanagara Sri Rama Mandira, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Border 2 (H)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.30 pm, 6.40 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Send Help (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	12.55 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru: Part 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	10.15 am, 6.55 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.40 pm, 5.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Mavuta (K)	:	10.50 am
Border 2 (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.50 pm
Seat Edge (K)	:	1.45 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	4 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.25 pm
Vikalpa (K)	:	8 pm
Chatha Pacha: The Ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Wins award for Best Oral Presentation

Dr. K.S. Raghunandan (left) receiving certificate from Prof. A.H. Rajasab, Chairman, KSTA.

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Dr. K.S. Raghunandan, Guest Faculty, Post-Graduate Department of Zoology, Maharani's Science College for Women, Mysuru, was awarded 1st prize — Best Oral Presentation Award — for research article titled 'Study on Avifaunal diversity in and around Kalale Lake, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District' presented on the occasion of 'World Wetland Day' at Prof. U.R. Rao Auditorium, Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road, KSTA, Bengaluru, on Feb. 1 and 2, organised by Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Department of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka at Bengaluru.

Prof. A.H. Rajasab, Chairman, KSTA, presented the award in the presence of Dr. R. Anand, Chief Executive Officer, KSTA, V.K. Srinivasu, Senior Scientific Officer, KSTA and Umesh Ghatage, Scientific Officer, KSTA.

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